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## Church Planters to the Los Angeles, California Area

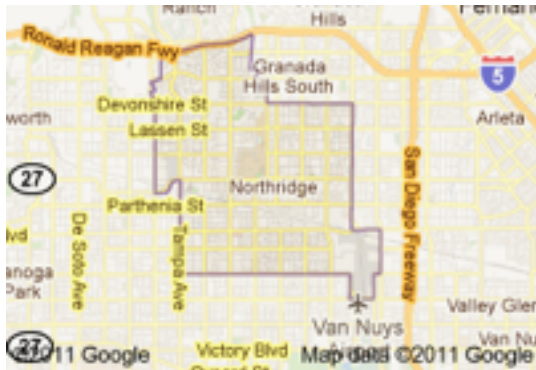
### March/April 2014

Dear Pastor and praying friends,

It is with great joy and excitement that we write to you once again to share the progress that we have made as we move forward in God's will for our lives. We have had the blessed opportunity to be in quite a few churches over the past two months. During this time, God has blessed us with 5 new supporting churches! Praise the Lord! Please continue to pray with us that many other churches will see the need for 'biblical' churches in Southern California and that they will commit to helping us get there. We are sincerely excited about the work that God had called us to do in Los Angeles, and we are hopeful and prayerful that this work will begin in the very near future.

During the month of April, we had the opportunity to be at New Manna Baptist Church in Marion, North Carolina. After the service, a couple came up to greet us. They explained to us that they had spent nearly 20 years of their lives living in the Los Angeles area. Through tears, they told us that they had seen firsthand the desperate need for Bible-preaching churches in this area. We were dumbfounded as they told us that they lived in Northridge, a primarily residential community in LA, the exact place where God has called us to go plant a church. They were so excited to hear that this was the place the God had put on our hearts.

God used this meeting to confirm in our hearts that this is exactly where He wanted us to go. It is estimated that there are 67,000 people currently living in Northridge, a 9 square mile community in Northern Los Angeles, that is void of any Bible-preaching, soul-winning Baptist churches. I am reminded of Romans 10:14 which says "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" How many churches are in your community? Can you sense the desperate need of this densely populated area of Southern California? Time is running out! Jesus is coming again!(John 14) We must act while there is still time!



**a map of Northridge, Los Angeles**

I am thankful for the verses found in Proverbs 3 that challenge us to "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." The past 4 months have been a roller coaster of emotional highs and lows... A steady balance of opened doors and closed doors. As you may remember, if you followed the progress of our survey trip to Los Angeles(LA), I was offered a very unique job opportunity, with the company that I currently work for, that would have allowed us to move to California as early as June. My family and I have spent much time in prayer concerning this potential opportunity and though the door has not officially been shut, it seems as if God has chosen not to allow us to move forward through it. We are continuing to pray for God's clear guidance and direction. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer concerning this important situation. Words cannot express how thankful we are for your prayer and financial support. May God richly bless you as you continue to serve Him!

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